

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 15, 2003, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on December 15, 2003, and having been extended by one month to January 15, 2004, by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

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